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SUBJ: COUNCIL OF EUROPE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION DELEGATION VISITS
CYPRUS

1. FIVE-MAN DELEGATION FROM HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC)
OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE HELD INVESTIGATIONS HERE SEPT 2-7 OF
GOC CHARGES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY TURKS IN LAST
YEAR'S MILITARY ACTIVITIES. COMMISSION INTERVIEWED
"WITNESSES" FROM GREEK SIDE BUT WAS NOT PERMITTED BY
"TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS (TFSC" TO CONDUCT
SIMILAR INTERVIEWS ON TURK SIDE BECAUSE TURKS CONSIDERED
BY COMMISSION AS "WITNESSES" RATHER THAN OFFICIAL PARTY
TO DISPUTE.

2. GREEK CYPRIOTS AT FIRST PLANNED BE WITH DELEGATION TO
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CROSS-EXAMINE WITNESSES, BUT DELEGATION REQUESTED THEY NOT

PARTICIPATE SINCE TURKS REFUSED SEND ANY CROSS-EXAMINERS FROM THEIR SIDE TO MEETINGS. THUS, MEETINGS HELD "IN CAMERA."

3. VISIT OF HRC, TO WHICH ONLY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS (AND NOT COMMUNITIES) CAN HAVE RECOURSE, HAS STRUCK TENDER NERVE WITH TURKS, WHO FEEL INCENSED AND DEEPLY WRONGED BY, IN THEIR VIEW, ONE-SIDED NATURE OF THE INQUIRY. WHERE, TURKS ASK, WAS COMMISSION WHEN THE GREEKS COMMITTED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS FROM 1963 ON OR WHEN TURK CHILDREN BRUTALLY MURDERED? HOW CAN SUCH A COMMISSION EVEN MAKE PRETENSE OF BEING IMPARTIAL WHEN IT INVESTIGATES COMPLAINTS SUBMITTED BY ONE SIDE ONLY?

4. "TFSC VICE PRESIDENT" OREK RECEIVED TWO MEMBERS OF DELEGATION (AT THEIR REQUEST) ON SEPTEMBER 4. IN PUBLIC STATEMENT FOLLOWING MEETING (FBIS TA 042017Z SEP 75), OREK CASTIGATED COMMISSION INQUIRY AS POLITICALLY-. MOTIVATED GREEK STAGE-MANAGED INVESTIGATION, ASSERTED TURK CYPRIOTS COULD ONLY PARTICIPATE IF OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS PARTY TO DISPUTE, AND CHARGED THAT GREEK CYPRIOT APPLICATION TO HRC WAS IN ANY CASE INVALID AB INITIO AS IT DID NOT HAVE SIGNATURE OF VICE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC (TURK CYPRIOT LEADER RAUF DENKTASH).

5. DELEGATION DEPARTED CYPRUS TO REPORT TO HRC WHICH IS THE EXPECTED REPORT IN APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE.
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